



## **Appendix 4**

### **Community Supervision & Parole**

Indiana supervises over 13,000 offenders within our community-based correctional programs. Community based programs include Work Release, parole supervision, Community Transition Program (CTP) and community placement. We strive to develop, maintain and expand our relationship with the courts and county agencies in order to provide safe, effective and efficient diversion and post-release opportunities for the offender population.

Prior to release, offenders are required to complete a comprehensive transitional process that affords them the greatest opportunity to succeed upon release. Counselors and transition coordinators work with offenders to ensure a case plan is completed for the offender.

#### **Community Programs**

Indiana maintains a successful Work release program as well as a Community Transition Program to facilitate successful reintegration of offenders returning to the community. IDOC's agency mission is to advance public safety and successful re-entry through dynamic pro-social supervision, programming and partnership. We embrace this mission through our state and contractual work release programs and reentry centers as well as collaborative efforts with Indiana counties and judges to manage an effective CTP program. Re-entry is a key element in the Agency's strategic plan and includes our objective of expanding and improving the effectiveness of the Work Release program and the Community Transition Program.

Indiana's Work Release program was enacted in 1967 and was the forerunner of reentry programming in this state. The CTP program was initiated in 1999 to encourage counties to develop community corrections systems and thus provide effective alternatives to imprisonment in traditional IDOC. County operated Community Transition Programs are in operation in most Indiana counties and are the last transition program prior to release to parole or probation.

All community programs include the following:

#### **Assessment**

- Risk/Needs
- Substance abuse assessment
- Mental Health evaluation
- Vocational/ Educational assessment

#### **Intervention/programs**

- Vocational training
- Education
- Life skills
- Drug and alcohol treatment
- AA/NA
- Job skills
- Parenting skills
- Cognitive behavioral interventions (e.g., Thinking for a Change, Life after Incarceration, Motivational Interviewing, Moral Recognition Therapy and Aggression Replacement Therapy)

**Work Release Community Reentry Centers:** Indiana maintains twelve (12) Reentry Centers throughout the state. These reentry centers operate Work Release programs for IDOC offenders within 12 months of release. Reentry Education facilities are located in Indianapolis (Indianapolis Reentry Education Facility) and South Bend (South Bend Community Reentry Center). State Work Release Programs are located in the following counties:

- St. Joseph (South Bend C.R.C. – state operated)
- Elkhart (contractually operated)
- Lake (contractually operated)
- Pulaski/Cass (contractually operated)
- Whitley (contractually operated)
- Tippecanoe (contractually operated)
- Marion (contractually operated)
- Vigo (contractually operated)
- Vanderburgh (contractually operated)
- Madison Correctional Facility (state operated)

### **Juvenile Release and Supervision**

The Division of Youth Services is committed to ensuring the successful transition and provision of aftercare services during a youth's re-entry period. The Department encourages the sentencing courts and/or County Probation Officer to remain involved with each youth during his/her time of commitment to a secure facility and to work with the youth and Department staff during this period to identify transition and aftercare services that will best meet the youth's needs. In order to foster a successful and appropriate transition back into the community, DYS encourages counties to re-assume jurisdiction of the youth. Juveniles considered for release may be discharged based on their initial IYAS Risk Assessment, Age, Offense and/or any additional special case circumstances. Staff in the juvenile facilities, base the release of juveniles on the successful completion of required treatment and educational programs as determined by the Treatment Team and approved by the Administrative Review Committee. The Administrative Review committee is comprised of the Facility Head or designee and three administrative designees, one representing educational services, one representing treatment services and one representing custody. This committee meets weekly to review youths slated for release and determine if the youth is approved for the release phase. This committee also reviews aftercare plans with the youth. If the youth scores a Low or Medium Risk level on the IYAS, those youth could be discharged without Community Supervision if the court declines to re-assume jurisdiction. Those youth who are 17.5 years of age and older are also discharged without Community Supervision if the court declines to re-assume jurisdiction. Youth who score a High risk on the IYAS risk Assessment will be supervised on parole status to Community Supervision. Those youth will be supervised on Community Supervision for approximately 60 days and then will be discharged. Those youth who are adjudicated of a sex offense will also be supervised on Community Supervision. Youth who score a Low risk on the validated juvenile sex offender recidivism risk assessment will be supervised on Community Supervision for approximately 40 days. Those youth who score a Medium risk on the validated juvenile sex offender recidivism risk assessment will be supervised for approximately 3 months. Youth who score a High risk on the validated juvenile sex offender recidivism risk assessment will be supervised for approximately 6 months.